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For: RESIN COMPOSITION FOR LASER WELDING AND MOLDED
ARTICLE

DECLARATION UNDER RULE 1.132

Honorable Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I, Koichi SAKATA, declare:

That I am a citizen of Japan, residing at Fuji-shi,
Shizuoka, Japan;

That I was born on March 29, 1969 in Tokyo and
graduated from the Department of Graduate School of
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That I have been employed by Polyplastics Co.,
Ltd., JAPAN since 1994 and worked at Technical Service
Center of Polyplastics Co., Ltd.;

That I currently work at Research and Development
Center of Polyplastics Co., Ltd. as the senior

researcher; and

That the following experiments were conducted under my direct supervision;

EXPERIMENT

I investigated differences between the process of the present invention and the process with the non-modified PBT-series copolymer composition.

Incidentally, the following Comparative Examples A and B were performed in the same manner as Examples 3 and 7 described in the present specification except for varying the kind of PBT-series resin (A).

(Comparative Examples A and B)

In the following Comparative Examples, the following PBT-series resin (A), elastomer (B), polycarbonate-series resin (C), plasticizer (D), and filler or reinforcing agent (E) were used.

PBT-series resin (A)

(A-2) PBT resin [manufactured by Polyplastics Co., Ltd., "DURANEX 2000"]

Elastomer (B)

(B-2) Polyester-series thermoplastic elastomer [manufactured by Toyobo Co., Ltd., "GP200"]

(B-3) Polystyrene-series thermoplastic elastomer [manufactured by Kuraray Co., Ltd., "SEPTON 4055"]

Polycarbonate-series resin (C)

(C-1) Polycarbonate resin [manufactured by Teijin Chemicals Ltd., "PANLITE L-1225"]

Plasticizer (D)

(D-1) Aromatic polycarboxylic acid ester
[manufactured by Asahi Denka Co., Ltd., "ADK CIZER UL-100"]

Filler or reinforcing agent (E)

(E-1) Glass fiber [manufactured by Nitto Boseki Co., Ltd., "CS3J-948S", mean fiber diameter: $\phi 11 \mu\text{m}$, and mean fiber length: 400 μm]

Components were kneaded by using a biaxial extruder (manufactured by Japan Steel Works, Ltd., 30 mm ϕ) at 260°C in a proportion (weight ratio) shown in Table 1 to prepare a pellet. Thus obtained pellet was injection-molded into a test piece "A" (80 cm in length, 80 cm in width and 2 mm in thickness, side gate, gate width: 2 mm) by an injection molding machine (manufactured by Toshiba Corporation) under a condition of a cylinder temperature of 260°C and a mold temperature of 80°C.

Regarding the test pieces, airtightness (uniform weldability) and light transmittance of were evaluated in the same manner as Examples described in the present specification.

The results of Comparative Examples A and B are

shown in Table 1. Incidentally, the evaluations of Examples 3 and 7 of the present specification also were described for comparison.

[Table 1]

Table 1

	Examples		Comparative Examples	
	3	7	A	B
(A) PBT-series resin				
(A-1) DMI-modified PBT resin	100	100		
(A-2) PBT resin			100	100
(B) Elastomer				
(B-2) Polyester-series	10		10	
(B-3) Polystyrene-series		10		10
(C) PC-series resin				
(C-1) L-1225	25	25	25	25
(D) Plasticizer				
(D-1) UL100	4	2	4	2
Refractive index of plasticizer	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48
(E) Filler or reinforcing agent				
(E-1) Glass fiber	60	60	60	60
Maximum light transmittance (%)	34	27	18	18
Minimum light transmittance (%)	30	24	15	15
Fluctuation range of light transmittance (%)	4	3	3	3
Airtightness	Good	Good	Poor	Poor

EVALUATION

As apparent from the above results, the light transmittance and the airtightness of Comparative Examples A and B are low.

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jeopardize the validity of the application or any
10 patent issued thereon.

Signed this /2 day of January, 2010

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